



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **AWANO, Koichi**

Group Art Unit: **3624**

Serial No.: **09/747,020**

Examiner: **Ella COLBERT**

Filed: **December 26, 2000**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 3284

For: **CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM USING A DEBIT CARD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 19, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 19, 2006**, extended to **October 19, 2006** by a **three (3)** month Petition for Extension of Time, and prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page of this paper.